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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 084311 SENT ACTION QUITO INFO
GUAYAQUIL DATED APRIL 25.

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TAGS: EFIS, EC, MASS, US

SUBJ: FISHERIES TALKS: QUEVEDO-SHLAUDEMAN CONVERSATION

REF: (A) STATE 070164, (B) STATE 077807, (C) STATE070166

1. AT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO CALLED ON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN APRIL 23 TO RECEIVE
REPLY TO GOE INQUIRY (REF A) CONCERNING APPLICABILITY OF
ECUADOREAN LAW TO POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. SHLAUDE-
MAN EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION ALONG LINES PARA 2 REF B,
STRESSING THAT WE WERE PROPOSING INDUSTRY-TO-INDUSTRY
RATHER THAN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND THAT QUESTION
OF APPLICABILITY OF ECUADOREAN LAW WAS THEREFORE ONE WHICH
MUST BE WORKED OUT IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN U.S. INDUSTRY
AND ECUADOREAN REPRESENTATIVES. SHLAUDEMAN ALSO SAID
WE WISHED TO CLEAR UP ANY CONFUSION THAT MIGHT HAVE ARISEN
AS A RESULT OF OUR USE OF THE TERM "ARREGLO INTERINO",
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POINTING OUT THAT IN REFERRING TO INTERIM AGREEMENT WE HAD

IN MIND ONLY AN INDUSTRY-TO-INDUSTRY ARRANGEMENT AND WERE NOT IMPLYING THAT ANY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL UNDERSTANDING WAS INVOLVED.

2. QUEVEDO SAID HE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED CLARIFICATION REGARDING MEANING OF INTERIM AGREEMENT, AS THIS HAD RAISED QUESTIONS WITHIN GOE CONCERNING NATURE OF U.S. PROPOSAL. HE ASKED IF THE U.S. POSITION, AS STATED TO HIM BY SHLAUDEMANN, MODIFIED THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL MADE BY

AMBASSADOR BREWSTER TO PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ AND WAS ASSURED THAT IT DID NOT.

3. QUEVEDO THEN SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT TO QUITO THAT USG POSITION WAS THAT APPLICABILITY OF ECUADOREAN LAW SHOULD BE A TOPIC TO BE TAKEN UP IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. HE ASKED IF IT WOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE FOR THE TALKS TO BEGIN. SHLAUDEMANN REPLIED THAT WE PLANNED TO CONSULT WITH THE U.S. INDUSTRY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND HOPED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SOMETHING MORE DEFINITE TO SAY ON A STARTING DATE SHORTLY THEREAFTER. QUEVEDO SAID THAT HE WOULD ADVISE US PROMPTLY IF THE GOE DESIRED ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON THE QUESTION OF APPLICABILITY OF ECUADOREAN LAW. COMMENT: QUEVEDO GAVE IMPRESSION THAT HE THOUGHT USG RESPONSE WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO GOE AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER OBSTACLES FOR GOE IN PROCEEDING WITH TALKS.

4. REFERRING TO QUEVEDO'S APRIL 5 INQUIRY TO KUBISCH CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO THE ECUADOREAN NAVY (REF C), SHLAUDEMANN SAID THAT AMBASSADOR BREWSTER WOULD SHORTLY BE DELIVERING TO ADMIRAL VASQUEZ LETTER FROM CNO ZUMWALT WHICH WE BELIEVED ECUADOREAN NAVY WOULD CONSIDER A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO ITS NEEDS. QUEVEDO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID THAT THIS WOULD HELP TO PREVENT ANY WRONG IMPRESSIONS CONCERNING USG ATTITUDE TOWARD ECUADOREAN NAVY. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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